

Attorney's Docket No. 43904/205179

PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Rankin, Sr.  
Appl. No.: 09/892,095  
Filed: June 26, 2001  
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR CUTTING  
ARTICLES CONTAINING AT LEAST A  
SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF WOOD

Confirmation No.: 9910  
Group Art Unit: 1762  
Examiner: B. Chen

March 18, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.121)

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Title:

The title has been rewritten as follows:

METHODS FOR CUTTING ARTICLES CONTAINING AT LEAST A  
SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF WOOD

In The Abstract:

The Abstract has been rewritten as follows:

A conventional cutting tool is provided and a cutting edge of that tool is formed and/or sharpened. A relatively hard layer is applied over at least a portion of the cutting tool that

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